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Filed electronically and via US Mail Debra A. Howland Executive Director & Secretary NHPUC 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Docket No. DT 07-011, Petition to Intervene

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of

- > Manchester-Nashua Cellular Telephone, L.P.,
- > NH #1 Rural Cellular, Inc., and
- > USCOC Of New Hampshire RSA #2, Inc.,

please find an original and seven copies of a late-filed petition to intervene in the above-captioned matter. All three proposed intervenors are subsidiaries of United States Cellular Corporation ("U. S. Cellular") and provide commercial mobile radio service (i.e., wireless service) in the State of New Hampshire.

U.S. Cellular well understands that its Petition is late-filed and understands that if its Petition is granted, it will be required to "take the case as it finds it."

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the enclosed.

Very truly yours.

Kimball L. Kenway

cc: Service List, Docket No. DT 07-011

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DT 07-011

May 9, 2007

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC., BELL ATLANTIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC., NYNEX LONG DISTANCE COMPANY, VERIZON SELECT SERVICES, INC., AND FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Transfer of Assets to FairPoint Communications, Inc.

PETITION TO INTERVENE
OF
MANCHESTER-NASHUA
CELLULAR TELEPHONE, L.P.,
NH #1 RURAL CELLULAR,
INC., AND USCOC OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE RSA #2, INC.

MANCHESTER-NASHUA CELLULAR TELEPHONE, L.P., NH #1 RURAL CELLULAR, INC., AND USCOC OF NEW HAMPSHIRE RSA #2, INC., hereby petition to intervene in the above-captioned matter pursuant to N.H. Admin Rules Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32, and in support thereof state as follows:

- 1. All three Petitioners (a) hold Commercial Mobile Radio Service licenses issued by the Federal Communications Commission authorizing them to provide mobile telecommunications service in the State of New Hampshire, and (b) are wholly-owned subsidiaries of United States Cellular Corporation. (The Petitioners are therefore hereinafter jointly referred to as "US Cellular"). US Cellular provides wireless communications service in various areas within the State of New Hampshire.
- 2. US Cellular maintains interconnection with the public switched telephone network ("PSTN") by means of arrangements with Verizon New England, Inc. and/or an affiliate thereof (hereinafter "Verizon").
- 3. US Cellular's ability to compete in New Hampshire's telecommunications marketplace depends in significant part upon having reliable and reasonably-priced interconnection arrangements with the dominant local exchange carrier in the New Hampshire market currently Verizon.
- 4. In the event that the FairPoint/Verizon transaction is approved as proposed, the new company resulting from the transaction will henceforth be responsible for maintaining and handling all aspects of the interconnection arrangement now maintained and handled by Verizon.

- 5. Therefore, given the importance of interconnection to US Cellular's New Hampshire business interests, US Cellular will be directly and substantially affected by this proceeding.
- 6. US Cellular hereby indicates that it seeks full intervenor status with the right to conduct reasonable discovery, cross-examine witnesses, present testimony and submit briefs. US Cellular presently has no position on the merits of the proposed transaction and therefore cannot indicate whether it will in fact submit evidence and/or argument.
- 7. US Cellular recognizes that it is late in filing this Petition, and understands that it must "take the case as it finds it." US Cellular does not intend to engage in discovery or any other activities scheduled to have been undertaken prior to the date hereof. US Cellular has intervened and issued data requests in the Joint Applicants' case before the Maine Public Utilities Commission and is therefore familiar with the posture of issues of interest to US Cellular in Maine. US Cellular therefore believes that it can participate usefully in the proceeding before this Commission despite its late-filed Petition, and may participate in the upcoming Technical Conferences, submit prefiled testimony, cross-examine witnesses and submit briefs.

THEREFORE, US Cellular requests that its late-filed Petition to Intervene be granted, with the condition that Petitioner takes the case as it finds it.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of May, 2007

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